

## County School News.

Come, let us live for our children.

Patience is the surest cure  
For the things you can't endure.  
Clinkers in the furnace, say,  
What's the use to waste away  
Strength and energy and will.  
When its patience that makes them still?

Everything you try to do  
Seems to turn out bad for you.  
Business troubles set you wild—  
Don't be angry like a child.  
Shake the furnace patiently  
Till you set the clinkers free.

Half the time we fuss and fret.  
With our teeth together set.  
Blaming fortune for our luck  
It is just a clinker, chuck  
In between the living coals  
Of our torn and troubled souls.

The second bi-monthly examination questions have been sent out and reports are coming in every day. Of course some of the grades on these reports are low, but the majority of them are up to the average and a few are above the average. We feel that the rural teachers are doing a good work because these reports show a normal state; since always, in every school you can find those who can do more than the state requires and a few who cannot do the required work. The great majority of our schools are doing good work, and we give the credit to the teachers. "As is the teacher so is the school." The teacher is the heart in school life.

A bill has been introduced in the Texas legislature which provides that liquor shall not be sold within ten miles of state educational institutions, and a still stronger provision in regard to cigarettes.

Last year J. P. Morris of Liberal sold, besides what was used in the home, \$310 worth of garden produce off one acre of ground. Mr. Morris kept a record from April 29th to November 2nd. He raised cabbage, onions, radishes, lettuce, beets, beans, peas, etc. Now, boys and girls, get your father to let you have just one acre and all the water you need next year and see what you can do. Get all the pointers that you can from your teachers on Agriculture and let us see what district and what scholar will come out ahead.

John Kirk of district No. 17 called on business last Friday. He also took home the walnuts for his little boy.

Don't make excuses—make good. For I do know God's patient love perceives not what we did, but what we tried to do.

Senator D. M. Bender of Parsons has introduced into the senate a resolution requesting congress to provide a burial place in Kansas for John Paul Jones, the Revolutionary

naval hero whose body now reposes among the rubbish at Annapolis.

Mme. Curie who with her husband, the late Prof. Curie, discovered radium was defeated in her candidacy for membership in the royal academy of science lately. In the great academy of the world's scientists she is an honored member and no man-made votes can keep her out.

Miss Rhoda Rosel who teaches in district No. 19 was in town Saturday. She was very much disappointed because she had not known that there was to be an examination for teachers, the last Friday and Saturday in January, as she wished to take it. We had a notice of the examination published in each of the county papers for two weeks previous so that all who desired might be prepared to take it.

We received a letter from one of the pupils in district 27.

Dear friend, Mrs. Todd,  
We are having a fine school so far. Mr. Rusco was at Sunday School for the first time today.

We had a pleasant time playing basket ball.

Pleasant Valley school, district No. 4, sent us a challenge to play basket ball and we were to set the time. So we sent them a letter telling them to come over Saturday, February 11th. We will also play base ball if we get through with the other games in time.

We will have first the boy's game and then the girl's game. We are intending to have a large crowd—everybody is invited.

We would be very much pleased if you could be with us. Come if you can.

Yours truly  
From Mr. Hiram Jarrett  
(over)

P. S. If it is nice weather we will have the games.

The above is a very nicely written letter and we highly appreciate the invitation, but regret that we cannot accept it, as the Southwest Kansas Teacher's Association meets in Dodge City on that date and we are on the program. We hope Hiram will accept our thanks for the invitation, also our excuse for not being able to attend the games. We hope he will be one of the winners.

Right here we wish to say that we do not agree with those teachers who stand up and say that boys cannot learn Grammar, Language, letter-writing and composition. If these subjects are presented to them in the correct and interesting way they will dig into them just as hard as they will into Arithmetic or Algebra. There is no sex to any of the com-

mon branches—no, nor any branch of study in the world. The teacher is in a large measure to praise or to blame for a pupil's liking or disliking any branch. As is the teacher so is the school. Dear teachers, try to realize the great opportunity that is yours in modeling and developing the minds and hearts of the little ones. The parents trust to you to help them develop all that is good and best in their children. See to it that you are worthy of their trust and confidence in you.

The teachers of Seward township met at the office of the County Supt. last Saturday afternoon for a study of the reading circle books and any other matter pertaining to school work.

Miss Vivian Jones being unavoidably absent the chapter assigned her "The Individual Child" was discussed by all present. Mass teaching and Solitary teaching were criticized severely. "If the minds of the pupils do not actively respond, and stimulated by the teaching put out some effort in grasping the thing taught and relating it to its proper apperceiving center then there is no learning." The Group method was suggested as the best method for the teaching of the individual in society. Teaching should always result in a reaction in each mind taught. School should be organized so as to make this inevitable. But the good of the boy or girl requires for his education, not solitude, but society.

Miss Boddy presented in an able manner Chapter 5, Departmental Teaching. After showing the advantages and the disadvantages of both the class room system and the departmental system, she showed how both might be conserved and the disadvantages of both reduced to the lowest terms. Miss Boddy proved to us last Saturday the proverb: "If you want a thing done, sure—ask a busy person to help you."

Mrs. Anderson gave us a good review of chapter VII Gradation and Promotion of pupils. The teacher who sits with pencil in hand marking every answer as soon as given was scoured as was also the one who has no other aim in her teaching than that of having her pupils pass in the next examination. In this way the child comes to think of his marks rather than of the work itself. Reliance upon marks is also dangerous morally as it tends to take the mind from the real aims of life and turn it to inferior ends.

Mrs. Beatrice Buckland a teacher of long and ripe experience in both Sunday School and our public schools

took chapter VIII "The Place of the Teacher" She emphasized the point, the teacher is the IT in the school room—that love for the teacher works wonders and does wonders—that the teacher in the school room occupies one of the grandest places in the world. Her heart was full of love and gratitude for the more than twenty teachers who had helped her in the education of her children. As we listened we were glad we were teachers and we each resolved we would try to do better work for the little ones under our care trying to climb the hill of knowledge.

Miss Nora Shaw was on the program for the fifth chapter in Agriculture. The Soil—She was not present and that chapter was omitted because we had with us John Boles, President of the Farmer's Institute of Seward Co. who had in charge chapter six, Maintaining the Fertility of the Land. He told the Association how the soils become productive and the sources and value of Nitrogen—Phosphorus—Potash—Lime also Cost and Valuation and Analyses of complete fertilization. We all enjoyed his review of the chapter and hope he may meet with us again and help us from his ripe experience in understanding Warren's Elements of Agriculture.

Mrs. Mary Silger gave us a review of chapter VII, Some Important Farm Crops. She took each of the topics: Corn—Wheat—Oats—Meadows and Pastures—Cotton—Wood Crop and Orchards. Gave their history—relation to climate—types—fertilizers—plowing for—planting—tillage after planting—harvesting—importance—use—diseases and insects affecting same etc. Her review was fine and we received many valuable pointers.

Friday and Saturday of this week the Southwest Teachers Association meets at Dodge City. Prof. Grotfeller will talk to the rural teachers of learning by doing. Miss Florence McGregor will give a talk on Language in the first five grades. Qualification of the Teachers will be a paper read us by Mrs. Wickwire, the president of the Kansas Seventh District Woman's Clubs. Miss Julia Stone will give us a talk on Arithmetic in the primary and intermediate grades and last and best of all Psychology in the Rural Schools by Prof. Wm. A. McKeever of Manhattan. This treat is all for the rural teachers and this is only half of the good things in store. We wish every teacher in Seward county could go and be helped up on higher ground.

Mr. B. F. Brown of district No. 16 made us a pleasant call Tuesday. He reports everything O. K. in his district. Miss Rhoda Rosel is teaching them a good school.

We are after you, but when you have investigated our proposition you will be after our town lots. Ellsesser, Woods & Henry.

1--10 down and 1--10 per month, that's the way they are selling town lots at Ellsesser, Woods & Henry's office.

### Hayne Items.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Davis of Blue Bell were trading in our city Thursday.

Will Harding delivered cane seed at Liberal for Mr. Wooddell Thursday and Friday.

Misses Clara and LaVerne Childers and Mamie Augerot have returned to their school week. They were called home by the sickness and death of their grandfather Mr. W. E. Root.

Miss Atchinson a representative of the W. C. T. U. will give a lecture and recital at the school-house next Monday and Tuesday evening February 13, and 14.

Mr. W. E. Root died at his home here, Monday Jan. 30, at five p. m. after a short illness. He was a good neighbor and friend and will be sadly missed in our community. Funeral services were conducted at the schoolhouse by Rev. Harper of Liberal and interment was made in the Arkalon cemetery. The bereaved relatives have the sympathy of a large number of friends.

Rev Lathrop will preach here Sunday February 12.

Several from here attended Mr. Allphin's sale Wednesday.

M. L. Horney and wife spent Sunday at Will Harking's.

The Woods Grain Co. shipped another load of maize this week.

Valentines should not be sent after the 14th of the month, see the pretty booklets and also the ugly ones at the five, ten and fifteen cent store.



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